

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

DEBRA M.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:21-cv-5074

JUDGE EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.

Magistrate Judge Kimberly A. Jolson

COMMISSIONER OF
SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion for Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (ECF No. 13.) The Court hereby **GRANTS** the parties' joint motion and awards Plaintiff EAJA fees of \$3,900.00 and costs of \$00.00, for a total award of \$3,900.00. (*Id.*) Consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), counsel for the parties shall verify whether Plaintiff owes a preexisting debt to the United States subject to offset. If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff.

This case shall remain closed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

6/27/2022
DATE

s/Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.
EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE